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BEGIN SUMMARY: JOINT SAG/GOS COMMUNIQUE WILL NOT BE
ISSUED UNTIL LATE NOVEMBER 1 BUT CONTINUING MULTIPLICITY STATEMENTS
BY BOTH SAUDI AND SUDANESE LEADERS SUGGESTS TALKS GOING WELL.
PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS PUBLICLY INDICATED RENEWED SAUDI
SUPPORT HAS BEEN OFFERED TO SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT AND
THAT SAUDI FINANCING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MODERNIZING AND EQUIPPING
SUDANESE ARMED FORCES. END SUMMARY.

1. MORNING PRESS NOV 1 IS FILLED WITH STATEMENTS BY BOTH SUDANESE
AND SAUDI LUMINARIES AS KING KHALID'S STATE VISIT GOES INTO
THIRD DAY. SAUDI STATEMENTS TYPICALLY ARE MORE GENERALIZED
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THAN SUDANESE, WITH FONMIN SAUD BIN FAISCAL, FOR EXAMPLE,

REFERRING TO DISCUSSIONS "TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS PROPOSED BY SUDAN". SUDANESE SOURCES, ON OTHER HAND, ARE FAR MORE SPECIFIC IN FORECASTING SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL SAUDI AID IN ALL FIELDS.

2. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HIMSELF IN PRESS CONFERENCE LAST EVEINING HAILED SAUDI/SUDANESE BILATERAL RELATIONS AS "HAVING REACHED THEIR PEAK". HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AID OFFERED BY KING KHALID TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION MAJOR SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND INSTANCED SAG FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MONEY-SHORT KENANA SUGAR SCHEME, LIVESTOCK PROJECTS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES "WIJYIN FRAMEWORK SIX-YEAR PLAN CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION BY AAAID." NIMEIRI WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO STRESS THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE SUDAN WILL BE "GUARANTEED" AND THAT ANY NATIONALIZATION WOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE WITH "PROFITABLE COMPENSATION".

3. NIMEIRI ALSO CONFIRMED SAG SUPPORT FOR "MODERNIZING AND EQUIPPING PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES ACCORDING TO DEFINITE PROGRAMS". NOTING SUDANESE HAVE SOVIET WEAPONS AND SAUDIS HAVE AMERICAN ARMS,

BUT THAT THESE ARMS ARE NOW SUDANESE AND SAUDI, RESPECTIVELY, NIMEIRI MADE DELPHIC COMMENT RE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING DIFFERENT SOURCES OF ARMS TO AVOID UNDUE RELIANCE ON PARTICULAR MANUFACTURING COUNTRIES. (COMMENT: ACCORDING SENIOR CABINET SOURCE, NIMEIRI'S FREMARKS RE ARMS PROBABLY DESIGNED LAY GROUNDWORK FOR LATER ACQUISITION

AMERICAN OR OTHER WESTERN MATERIAL. END COMMENT.) HE THEN EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH SOVIET POLICY IN ARAB AND AFRICAN AREAS, ADDING THAT USSR INTERFERES IN AFFAIRS OF UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES THROUGH ESTABLISHING COMMUNIST PARTIES TO SERVE ITS INTEREST.

4. WITH RESPECT LIBYA, NIMEIRI CONFIRMED RECONCILLATION IMPOSSIBLE UNDER THE RULE OF QADHAFI "WHO IS A KILLER AND A SOVIET PUPPET".

5. JOINT COMMUNIQUE REPORTEDLY APPROVED LAST NIGHT AT MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF KING KHALID, PRINCE SULTAN AND PRINCE SAUD BIN FAISCAL WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, MANSOUR KHALID. TEXT EXPECTED BE ISSUED LATE TODAY. KHALID ALSO EXPECTED DEPART FOR HOME ABOUT 1630 HOURS, NOT EARLY NOV 2AS ERIGINALLY SCHEDULED. AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS FROM SENIOR CABINET SOURCE THAT THIS CHANGE WAS REQUESTED BY KHALID PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL HERE AND BEARS NO RELATION TO OUTCOME TALKS.

6. COMMENT. SAUDIS NO DOUBT PLEASED BY NIMEIRI'S
PUBLIC CRITICISM OEUQBMNKIBISTS AND QADHAFI, AS WELL AS HIS
ASSURANCE RE SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN SUDAN. FOR THEIR PART,
EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT SUDANESE WILL RECEIVE GREATER SAUDI
ASSISTANCE ON AGRICURHIRAL SCHEMES, NOTABLY THROUGH AAAID,
AND HELP IN ACQUIRING WESTERN ARMS. NO INFORMATION YET
AVAILABLE AS TO WHETHER KING KHALID HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE
SUBSTANTIAL HELP ON NIMEIRI REGIME' S IMMEDIATE CASH FLOW
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